

Docket No.: 050395-0373

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Masatada NUMANO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 7856
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Application No.: 10/579,442	:	Group Art Unit: 1725
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Filed: May 15, 2006	:	Examiner: Lin, Ing Hour
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For: CASTING NOZZLE	:	

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.